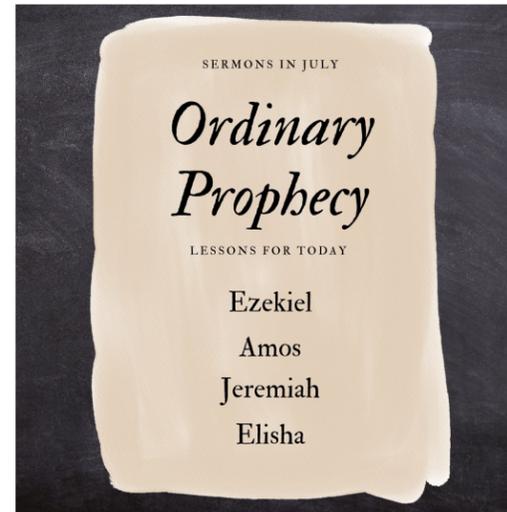


Today's altar flowers are from the garden of Margaret Wenzler

“Ordinary Prophecy” Sermon Series



For the month of July, get ready to go old-school in worship! We are going to listen to some of the prophets of the Old Testament and hear what they have to say to us today in our modern lives. Anticipate lots of favorite hymns and praise songs, as well as ancient words of Truth and Life!

July 4: Ezekiel 2:1-5; Psalm 123, Reacting or Responding?
July 11: Amos 7:7-15; Psalm 85:8-13, Are We Qualified?
July 18: Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 23, Defining the Relationship
July 25: 2 Kings 4:42044; Psalm 145:10, Well Supplied

Need someone to talk to? Contact Pastor Miriam. Central also offers **Stephen Ministers**—lay Christian friends trained to help through times of crisis. The pastor can get you in touch with one.



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Sunday School – 9:30 AM
Worship – 10:30 AM



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June 27, 2021
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
10:30 AM
Please silence electronic devices.
**Stand at these points, as you're comfortable.*

Musical Gift “Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us” *Arr. Chris Rice*

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

When the waves of doubt threaten us.
God is with us.
When fears seem to swamp our lives.
God is with us.
Awake! God is here!
Rejoice! We are loved!
Get ready! There is much to be done!
Prepare us, Lord, to work for you. AMEN.

*Hymn #514 “Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”
Stand up, stand up for Jesus, ye soldiers of the cross;
lift high his royal banner, it must not suffer loss.
From victory unto victory his army shall he lead,
till every foe is vanquished, and Christ is Lord indeed.

Bible Reading for July 4

Ezekiel 2:1-5; Psalm 123, Reacting or Responding? • *What is your first impulse when someone tells you something you do not want to hear? Ezekiel is given a hard message to deliver. How do you think the people reacted? How would you want to respond to hard news?*

There will be no Sunday School on **Sunday, July 4th** for Youth and Children. The church office will be closed on **Monday, July 5th**, in observance of Independence Day.

The **5:15 am Exercise Class** has resumed in the gymnasium. Class is on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. The instructor is Carmen Schrenkel and consists of weights and cardio. Fees will be collected quarterly.

June Financials

Needed Weekly	\$15,559
Received June 20	\$14,575
Needed for June	\$62,235
Received through June	\$62,822

Last Week's Attendance

In-person:	174
Online:	50

Music Director: Susan Thompson

Pianist: Kim Osborn

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Calendar

Sunday, June 27

9:15 AM Crossroads (Rm 209)
9:30 Children, Youth (3rd FL), Cornerstone (LFH), Agape (L), Lovett (Rm 208), Bates/Godwin (Rm 213), Good Fellowship (CH)
10:30 AM Worship Service
6:00-8:00 PM Youth, 3rd FL

Tuesday, June 29

5:15 AM Exercise Class, G
8:00 AM Centering Prayer, CH
2:30 PM Prayer Team
5:30 PM Small Group Music, S

Wednesday, June 30

5:15 AM Exercise Class, G

Thursday, July 1

7:00 AM, Men's Java Jaay Bible

Friday, July 2

9:00 AM, Women's Java Jaay Bible

CH- Chapel
FH- Fellowship Hall
LFH- Lower Fellowship Hall
S- Sanctuary
L- Library
G- Gym

Check our website for up-to-date calendar.
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Stand up, stand up for Jesus, the trumpet call obey;
forth to the mighty conflict, in this his glorious day.
Ye that are brave now serve him against unnumbered foes;
let courage rise with danger, and strength to strength oppose.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, stand in his strength alone;
the arm of flesh will fail you, ye dare not trust your own.
Put on the gospel armor, each piece put on with prayer;
where duty calls or danger, be never wanting there.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, the strife will not be long;
this day the noise of battle, the next the victor's song.
To those who vanquish evil a crown of life shall be;
they with the King of Glory shall reign eternally.

Affirmation of Faith *Apostle's Creed*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
The third day he rose from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic* church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**universal*

*Greeting

Speaker

Andrew & Peyton Wenzler

*Hymn “Speak O Lord”

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You, to receive the food of Your holy Word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in Your likeness.
That the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail; Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time, that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises;
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built, and the earth is filled with Your glory.

Prayers of the People

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory for ever. Amen.**

Children's Message

Debbie Looney

Bible Reading — 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

—[Prayer]

**Lord, open our hearts and minds
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed,
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says ‘At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.’ See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also. —

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Message — “Trials”

Rev. Miriam Smith

Closing Hymn #507 “Through It All”

Through it all, through it all, I've learned to trust in Jesus,
I've learned to trust in God; through it all, through it all,
I've learned to depend upon God's word.

*Commissioning and Benediction

Put obstacles in no one's way,
but rejoice in purity, knowledge, patience, kindness,
holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech,
and the power of God.
Go in peace.

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